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The Honorable Harold L. Volkmer
U. S. House of Representatives
2409 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515-2509

Dear Congressman Volkmer:

Thank you for your letter of April 2, 1996, on behalf of your constituent, Wanda Rothweiler, regarding the Commission's decision to freeze acceptance of paging applications. Ms. Rothweiler expresses concern that the suspension of processing of paging applications will adversely affect small businesses that provide paging services.

The Commission is currently conducting a rulemaking proceeding that proposes to transition from licensing paging frequencies on a transmitter-by-transmitter basis to a geographic licensing approach, using auctions to award licenses where there are mutually exclusive applications. In conjunction with that proceeding, the Commission initially froze processing of applications for paging frequencies. On April 23, 1996, the Commission released a First Report and Order in WT Docket 96-18 and PP Docket 93-253, which adopted interim measures governing the licensing of paging systems and partially lifted the interim freeze for incumbent paging licensees. For your convenience and information, enclosed is a copy of the Press Release concerning the First Report and Order, which includes a summary of the principal decisions made. Specifically, small and medium sized incumbent paging companies will be permitted to expand their service areas if the proposed new site is within 65 kilometers (40 miles) of an authorized and operating site. These interim rules will remain in effect until the Commission adopts final rules in the paging proceeding.

Thank you for your inquiry.

Sincerely,

David L. Furth
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April 2, 1996

Lauren J. Belvin
Acting Director
Federal Communications Commission
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Room 808
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Director Belvin:

I am forwarding to you a letter from one of my constituents, Wanda Rothweiler, concerning a freeze on new paging licenses.

Please respond to her concern and forward your reply to me so that I may better serve my constituents.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this matter. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,



Harold L. Volkmer
Member of Congress

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March 25, 1996

The Honorable Harold Volkmer
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC

Dear Representative Volkmer

The FCC has recently imposed a freeze on new paging licenses when they issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on recommended changes to paging licensing rules.

Our management team spent a considerable amount of time in Washington during the last two weeks visiting with various Representatives and Senators who promised overwhelming support for our position based on the fact that this freeze was ill advised and has already cost Glenayre, as well as many paging operators, considerable losses. The freeze also threatens our jobs and an unnecessary slowdown of this very vibrant industry.

Please do not let a government agency arbitrarily slow down or shut down a very vibrant industry in a time when employment and economic growth is so important to this Country.

We encourage you to do everything possible to have the FCC lift this freeze immediately.

We appreciate your support.

Best regards,

Ramon D. Ardizzone

Ramon D. Ardizzone
President & CEO

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in a short period of time. I have also 2 sample letters to help you. I hope you accept and we have been maintaining a strong position. Please lift the freeze on licenses.

cc: Commercial Wireless Division
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